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## THE QUESTION OF JURISDICTION.

Of course, it was not to be expected that the esteemed Post-Intelligencer would maintain its sanity in dealing with the question of jurisdiction over the waters of the Columbia river. For this reason, we are not surprised to find our Seattle friend in a highly indignant frame of mind because of the arrest of a "citizen of the state of Washington" for fishing without license, nor astonished at the accusation that Oregon officials have "kidnaped" him and taken him to Astoria for trial. In view of the fact that the gentleman in question has been a resident of Astoria for about 25 years, the kidnaping charge will not weigh heavily upon poor Oregon's shoulders.

The Post-Intelligencer sets up the contention that the middle channel of the Columbia river is the dividing line between the two states. The Seattle paper is in error. The act creating the boundary stipulated that the dividing line should be the middle of the widest channel, and under this stipulation Sand island became Oregon territory, although it is north of a line drawn equally distant from the two shores. It will be well to have the boundary line settled definitely, but so far as prosecution of law-breakers is concerned the present status should be permitted to endure.

Oregon has always been reasonable in its attitude affecting its rights in the premises. Washington has always been unreasonable, and once went so far as to send her militia down to Ilwaco to back up her absurd claims. It will be recalled—with a feeling of remorse by the Post-Intelligencer, no doubt—that this body of militia took possession of Sand island, whereupon your Uncle Samuel's troops proceeded hence in the dead of the night and summarily notified the commander of the Washington militia that he would have 20 minutes to vacate the reserve, or else be driven into the river. After this lesson Washington subsided, but now has broken out again.

Oregon claims the right to enforce her laws to the Washington shore, and is quite willing to concede to Washington the right to enforce her laws to the Oregon shore. This agreement was reached long ago, with the result that seiners have paid license in both states. It is significant to note further that seiners secure title to grounds from both states. Out of a spirit of fairness, the Oregon authorities caused the arrest, for test-case purposes, of a citizen of Oregon, Mr. Alexander Grant. There has been no effort on the part of the officials of this state to avail themselves of any advantage offered by the situation, and Mr. Grant will receive fair and impartial trial in the courts here, which is, perhaps, just a little more than could be said if he were to have been kidnaped and taken to Washington.

It is manifestly unjust to require seiners to pay double license, and establishment of the boundary line will right matters. The initiative has been taken by the officials of Oregon, and not by the officials of Washington. The last-named state is quite willing to collect large sums in license money on the Columbia river for operation of hatcheries elsewhere, and it should not complain if Oregon seeks to collect money rightfully due her for the maintenance of Columbia river hatcheries.

## ARMS AND ARBITRATION.

In an article recently contributed by A. B. Farquhar to the publication of the Massachusetts commission for international justice, disarmament of the nations as the absolute prerequisite of international arbitration is urged upon the notice of the reader. Declaring that the United States is best fitted, both by its potential strength and the aloofness of its position, to assume the lead in this movement, the writer endeavors to indicate how a reduction of our own army and navy would have the salutary effect of good example.

"Who could better lead," queries the author, "than a people whose power is recognized as matchless, whose resources are inexhaustible, whose readiness and alertness are an unfailing defense, making them completely secure against aggression from without so long as union and concord continue within?"

"A small army may continue to be needed," admits the writer, "to preserve the peace in case of local disorder; a few war vessels may properly find occasional use in dealing with the less civilized for-

eign governments; but for these purposes our demands are not large and should not be exploited as though they were."

Now, truly, the United States by its recent foreign policy has demonstrated to the world, with sufficient conviction, that it is not an exponent of war; that in the interests of peace it is willing to go to all lengths compatible with its national dignity, says the Call. Of recent years only has it been that this nation has risen to the place it now holds in the respectful estimation of the other great powers. In questions of acute interest Washington is now heard with as great a deference as that paid to Berlin, Paris or London. If Mr. Farquhar would seek the reason, let it be apparent by the contrast offered between the status held by our nation fully protected and our nation utterly unprotected. Let him review the foreign relations of this country, say in the latter eighties and early nineties.

When the efficient war fleet of the United States could be numbered on the fingers of one hand and we had a smaller standing army than Norway and Sweden, there occurred the Barrundia incident in the harbor of San Jose de Guatemala, when the right of asylum under the American flag was violated by a company of gringo soldiers. In 1891 we were the recipients of an ultimatum from Italy, and the European nations looked to see New York blown out of existence by the ships of King Humbert. In the same year Chile flaunted us with the Baltimore incident. The Bering sea disputes continued to offer Great Britain opportunity for persistent nagging and backbiting. Yet all of that time our resources were as inexhaustible as they are today and our readiness and alertness, which commend themselves to the notice of Mr. Farquhar, were certainly in active operation.

It has been the incorporation of this potential energy into something tangible, into a navy of power, an army of efficiency, which has brought the respect of the nations to our doors. A nation armed is in a far better way of leading the way to international peace than one unarmed and open to insult from every bristling government. The United States as an exponent of international arbitration and disarmament in 1890 would have been the scorn of Europe. Today, not because she should not be armed, but for the very fact that armed she is, this country may lead the thought of the world toward a rational international peace program.

## TRAVESTIES ON RELIGION.

The religion which does not appeal to the mind and the soul and which does not attract because of innate worth is of little account. The sooner it goes the better it will be for all—save the sensationalist clergyman who is compelled to gather congregations by methods bordering on the methods of the circus ring. In West Virginia a bold cliff in the neighborhood of Parkersburg rejoices in the name of the Devil's Tea Table, and from it, at an altitude of 500 feet, Rev. John Joe Copen, otherwise "the cyclone exhorter of West Virginia," preached on last Sunday, likening the occasion to Paul preaching on Mars hill.

It was a picturesque pulpit, no doubt. To reach it the reverend cyclone exhorter was compelled to clamber up steep rocks, to pass through narrow defiles and to reach the highest point by means of a rope 70 feet in length, with his numerous congregation at the foot of the hill and hearing the cyclonic exhortation megaphonically carried to them from the summit of the rocks. Undoubtedly the day was enjoyable. The skies were clear, the day was fine and the reverend cyclone had announced that trapeze performances and a burgoon would conclude the ceremonies and they did. Burlesque though the whole occasion was, the most thoroughly burlesque performance was when the reverend cyclone likened himself to the Great Apostle of the Gentiles.

The American is fond of the spectacular at times, and in moderate quantities. But he neither believes in religious megaphonic spectacularism, nor in mixing religion and tight rope trapeze performances. He may not be a deeply religious man, but he has a wholesome sense of the proprieties. It is never a matter of trouble for him to detect the difference between the mountebank in the pulpit and the clergyman who preaches because he believes and relies on his belief for the holding of his flock together.

The wide spreading state of Texas, with a population of more than three millions according to the last federal census, produces more cattle than any other commonwealth in the union, and is much in advance of any rival in the number and value of the cattle within its borders. Moreover, it is ahead in its multitudes of horses, mules and goats. Its great stretches of timber land are of immense value, and its extensive investments in the manufacture of lumber would alone make the state notable; but its production of fruits and vegetables is already enormous and is increasing rapidly. Texas is making such progress in development, and has such resources and possibilities within its huge area, that many millions of hard working immigrants could prosper in Texan homes.

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## SONOMA HOP CROP BIG.

Estimated to Run from a Third to a Half More Than Last Year.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Aug. 17.—The hop crop of Sonoma county this season will be the largest of recent years. Preparations are now being made for the harvest. Picking will begin in this valley between September 1 and 10. It is estimated that the crop will be from a third to a half larger than last year's yield. The price this year is better than for several years past at the opening of the season. Buyers seem anxious to make contracts at 22½ cents, which is considered a good figure.

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